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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH PRC COUNSELOR

1. PRC COUNSELOR KANG CHI-MIN CALLED ON POLITICAL COUNSELOR OCT 23. KANG'S VISIT WAS FIRST BY ANY PRC OFFICIAL TO EMBASSY, AND HAS BROKEN NORMAL PATTERN WHICH OBLIGED U.S. OFFICIALS HERE TO CALL ON CHINESE WHEN THEY HAD MATTERS TO DISCUSS. KANG HAD NOT YET RECEIVED FULL BRIEFING FROM PEKING ON BIJEDIC TRIP. HE COMMENTED ONLY THAT TRIP WAS SUCCESS AND THAT SOVIET WALKOUT CLEARLY DESIGNED PUT PRESSURE ON YUGOSLAVS RATHER THAN CHINESE. HE ASSERTED THAT DESPITE YUGOSLAV EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE IN POST-HELSINKI DETENTE, "IN THEIR HEARTS THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIETS."

2. CHINA-YUGOSLAV PARTY RELATIONS: KANG SAID THAT PROSPECTS FOR PARTY RELATIONS WERE NOT GOOD, GIVEN PRESENT IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES, BUT THAT THIS WOULD NOT HINDER PROGRESS OF STATE RELATIONS. SHORTLY BEFORE DEPARTING ON HIS FAR EAST TRIP, LCY EXCOMM HEAD STANE DOLANC HINTED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT
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CHINA, BUT CHINESE HAD OTHER FISH TO FRY. KANG MENTIONED

THAT HE DOES NOT CALL ON PARTY OFFICIALS HERE,
A PRACTICE EVEN SOME NON-COMMUNIST WESTERN EMBASSIES
PURSUE.

3. COMINFORMIST TRIAL: KANG SAID THAT THE DATE OF RUMORED
COMINFORMIST TRIAL WOULD PROBABLY BE MADE PUBLIC IN NEXT
FEW DAYS. YUGOSLAVS NOTIFY PARTY MEMBERS AND THEN
ORDINARY CITIZENS THROUGH NON-PUBLIC CHANNELS ON INTERNAL
SECURITY MATTERS BEFORE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCING NEW DEVELOP-
MENTS, AND KANG HAD HEARD THAT PARTY MEMBERS WERE ALREADY
BEING NOTIFIED OF A TRIAL DATE.

4. BEAR HUNTING: KANG TOOK GREAT DELIGHT IN RECOUNTING
STORY OF RECENT TITO-KARDELJ BEAR HUNT IN BUGAJNO--A
PICTURE OF TITO WITH HIS FOOT ON DEAD BEAR'S NECK WAS
WIDELY PUBLICIZED HERE. AS BEAR IS RUSSIA'S NEMIONAL
SYMBOL, KANG THOUGHT TITO'S HUNTS WERE AN ADMIRABLE
SYMBOLIC DISPLAY OF HIS MASTERY OF THE BEAR, BOTH THE
FOUR-FOOTED AND TWO-FOOTED VARIETY. EMBOFF COMMENTED
THAT HE HOPED TITO NEVER WENT EAGLE-HUNTING.
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